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In re Patent Application of:

KIM A. ANDERSON ET AL.

Serial No. **09/995,257**

Filing Date: **November 27, 2001**

For: **IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE
GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF A FRESH
COMMODITY**

Art Unit: **2122**

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**RESPONSE TO LETTER HOLDING DECISION IN
ABEYANCE AND REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

In response to the above-referenced "Letter Holding Decision in Abeyance," dated May 27, 2003, please reconsider the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) in light of the enclosed documents.

Pursuant to item (1), a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed, signed by Vice President Patrick J. Kole on behalf of the Idaho Potato Commission, now sole assignee of the above-referenced invention. A copy of the assignment is also enclosed, which was submitted for recordation on April 15, 2003, recordation details for which have not yet been received back from the Assignment Division.

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Pursuant to item (2), a supplemental declaration is also enclosed, also signed by Attorney Kole, pursuant to MPEP 409.03(b). From the material under footnote 2, it would appear that this may not be necessary, since the assignment already has been executed; however, this document is being supplied in an excess of caution.

Respectfully submitted,



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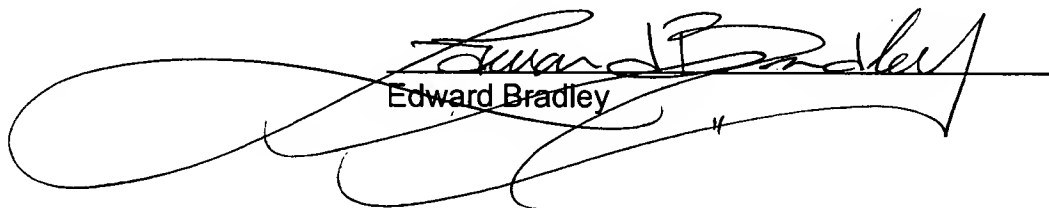
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Kim A. Anderson et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/995,257 Filed/Issued Date: 11/27/2001

Entitled: Identification System and Method for Determining the Geographic Origin of a Fresh Commodity

Idaho Potato Commission, a government agency

(Name of Assignee)

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states that it is:

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2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

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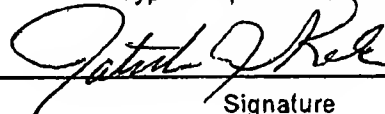
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[NOTE:] A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the PTO. See MPEP 302.08)

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Patrick J. Kole

Typed or printed name



Signature

Date June 20, 2003

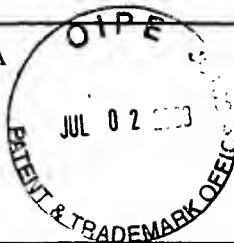
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Jacquelin E. Hartt

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Jacquelin E. Hartt
Signature

April 14, 2003

Date

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the **State of Florida Department of Citrus**, located in Lakeland, Florida, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, is the owner of an undivided one-half interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/995,257, hereinafter referred to as the Patent Application, filed on November 27, 2001;

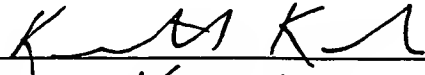
WHEREAS, **Idaho Potato Commission**, located in Boise, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the Patent Application, any and all patents issuing therefrom, the invention or inventions therein shown and described, and any improvements on said inventions heretofore or hereafter made, any divisions or continuations of said patents, and all patents, United States and foreign, to be granted for the invention or inventions thereof, and any reissues, continuations or extensions of said patents. Assignor does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents on the Patent Application or for the invention or inventions hereof, in accordance with this assignment.

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees that Assignor is the owner of the full title herein conveyed and has the right to convey the same, and agrees that Assignor will communicate to Assignee any facts known to Assignor respecting the Patent Application, and the invention or inventions, and testify in any legal proceedings when called upon by Assignee, sign all lawful papers deemed by Assignee as expedient to vest in it the legal title herein sought to be conveyed or for the filing and prosecution of all applications and patents, United States and foreign, and otherwise aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, in obtaining full patent protection on said invention and enforcing proper protection under said patents, but in every instance at the Assignee's expense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of April, 2003.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS

By: 
Name: KEN KECK
Title: GENERAL COUNSEL



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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
AND PETITION OF PATRICK J. KOLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)**

I, Patrick J. Kole, do hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am Vice President – Legal & Govt. of the Idaho Potato Commission, now sole assignee of the above-referenced application.
2. It is my understanding and belief that co-inventors Kim A. Anderson, Brian Smith, and Bernadene Magnuson have refused to execute the above-referenced application for the above-referenced continuation-in-part application.
3. The work and development by the co-inventors was within the scope of their employment with the Idaho Potato Commission, Assignee, which has previously been attested to by a "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" signed by the undersigned.
4. A second Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) signed by Attorney Kole is also enclosed, which attaches a copy of the Assignment from the Florida Department of Citrus to the Idaho Potato Commission.

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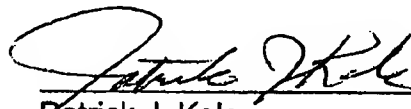
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5. This invention is continuing to be developed by the Idaho Potato Commission, and is thus believed to represent an important property thereof, additional protection for which is being sought with the filing of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, it is believed that a lack of such protection would be damaging to the Idaho Potato Commission, which has invested in this invention.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own accord and are true and that all statements are made on available information; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title XVIII of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: June 20, 2003



Patrick J. Kole
Vice President - Legal & Govt.
Idaho Potato Commission